

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 33-38 are pending in this application. Claims 15-32 have been cancelled without prejudice to later filing of continuing applications to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Claims 5, 6, 33, 34, 36 and 38 have been amended.

Objections

Claims 5, 6, 33, 34, 36 and 38 were objected to because of informalities. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Thus claims 5, 6, 33, 34, 36 and 38 are allowable.

Rejections

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification. Without conceding the Examiner's position, claim 32 has been cancelled.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 35 and 37 are allowed. In his statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner cites limitations of independent claims 1, 5, 6, 35 and 37. The applicant submits that the claims may be allowable for reasons that do not include all the limitations cited by the Examiner. The claims may also be allowable for different or additional reasons.

Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449

Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement with appropriate fees on February 24, 2004, responding to the Office Action of November 24, 2003. Applicant requests the Examiner initial and return the PTO-1449 form indicating that the Examiner reviewed the references prior to issuing this Final Office Action. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449 are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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No fees are believed due, however, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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